

SUGAR

Cane: 4.08c lb., \$51.60 per ton.

Beets: 13c. 6d. per cwt., \$97.40 per ton.

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WEATHER

Ther. min., 79.

Bar., 8 a. m., 30.15.

Wind, 12m., 12 N.E.

Rain, 24h., 8 a. m., .01.

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BURYING FLOATING BODIES AT SEA

IS SANITARY COMMISSION'S WORK TO COME TO NOTHING

Land Value Fourfolds In Five Years

In order to familiarize himself with the needs of the district, Governor Frear spent some time on Saturday afternoon on Alewa Heights. The principal occasion of the trip was to look into the matter of roads; but the governor also took the opportunity to look into the new reservoir, now practically completed, which will supply water for Kailua from the Nuuanu valley supply.

The reservoir was completed according to contract, some time ago, but proved leaky. A lining of concrete has now been placed on the bottom, which it is believed will obviate the difficulty.

High Tax Assessment. Governor Frear also had opportunity to note some of the results of the Territory's first experiment in selling on a large scale city real estate. Alewa was opened in the summer of 1907, just before Governor Frear's term of office began. The tract was cut up into lots averaging a little over an acre each, and sold at an appraisal of about \$250 per acre. No better idea can be gained of the rapid development of the tract than from the fact that the tax office has just placed an assessment on the district for tax purposes of \$1000 per acre.

Successful Experiment.

Although the price paid by the residents was low compared with present values, the success of the undertaking was at first problematical. The lots were sold without any road connections whatever, and no definite provision as to how any could be had. Nor was there water on the tract. Inasmuch as all of the lower lots had one year's bona fide residence as a condition.

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NO APPEALS AGAINST ASSESSMENTS SO FAR

"So far, there have been no appeals against the tax assessments," said Treasurer Conkling this morning. "There may be some filed before the first of May, of course, but I will have nothing to do with that."

Regarding the Bishop Estate, which is going to subdivide some hundreds of acres at the rear of the Kanehameha school, the statement has been made that this concern owns about one-sixth of the total area of the whole territory. It is also said, while an enormous amount of this land is composed of lava flow, there are many thousands of acres of good land owned by the estate.

SPANISH LOTHARIO AROUSES JEALOUSY OF COSSACK HUBBY

Basil Spirovitch, now an inmate of the immigrant station, erstwhile a Cossack of the Czar, wears a face that is childlike and bland but his boots are big and heavy and his temper is short. Also he is jealous of pretty Madame Spirovitch, the belle of the Russian colony at the station.

Gaspar de Mendoza is undoubtedly the Beau Brummel of the 162 bachelor Spaniards held in territorial quarantine at the station. He is a handsome youth with curling black mustaches and a smile that would melt the heart of a Gorgon.

Now it is the custom of the Spirovitches to go up town several times a day, passing along the high fence of the enclosure which detains the quarantined Spaniards. So Gaspar had formed the habit of smiling at Madame Spirovitch and using his eyes in a manner which causes the heart of Basil Spirovitch to throb with fury.

But he had overlooked the conduct of Gaspar de Mendoza until this morning, when, as the Spirovitches were passing the fence, the bold Gaspar lightly tossed a bunch of flowers over the barrier so that they fell at the feet of Madame Spirovitch. Enough for Basil. The hot blood of the Cossacks boiled in his veins. With a cry of rage he threw himself at the fence and attempted to scale it. But his boots prevented. The big square toes would not permit of a foothold, and dropping to the sidewalk Basil Spirovitch sent a torrent of Russian compliments toward the Spaniard which sounded like a scrambled alphabet coming over a wireless instrument.

Gaspar de Mendoza cowered as the

RUSSIANS WILL NOT TAKE WORK

Unwilling to go to any plantations save those where their friends and relatives are employed, the thirty-six Russians at the immigrant station are leading an ideal, carefree existence, wandering about the streets of the city, but careful always not to miss any meals at the station.

While some of them have been offered work, they decline to go, because they aver the irresponsible agent in Manchuria who arranged for their passage was long on promises, agreeing to everything they asked, and predicting a glorious fulfillment of anything they might desire.

As the local officials had nothing to do with the promises they are permitting the Cossacks to do as they please until the immigrants can make up their minds to accept what is offered.

TRIAL SET FOR HIDEOUS CRIME

Chung Nung, the Chinese accused of the rape of two little girls, one of them less than four years of age, appeared before Judge Robinson this morning and entered a plea of not guilty. His trial was set for May 5.

The case went to the supreme court on a plea in bar, Attorney Lorin Andrews, for the defendant, contending that the grand jury that indicted Chung Nung was illegally constituted. This contention, however, was overruled by the supreme court and the Chinese will have to stand trial. Confession or imprisonment for life.

Meantime, the two little girls who were the victims of a human brute are in the hospital suffering from a loathsome disease alleged to have been communicated to them by their ravisher.

The trial of Robert Levy, charged with rape, was set by Judge Robinson this morning for May 2.

Levy is the jailer who is accused of having taken advantage of his official position to ravish a woman prisoner. He vigorously protests his innocence and claims that the charge against him is the culmination of a plot to ruin him.

Abraham Joseph, indicted by the grand jury on a charge of burglary in the second degree, pleaded not guilty before Judge Robinson this morning.

In the federal court the trial of Matsunaga, charged with stealing promissory notes aggregating in face value \$1000, was begun. The crime is alleged to have been committed on a federal reservation.

HEALTH BOARD MEETS THURSDAY

There will be a meeting of the Board of Health on Thursday afternoon next, and at it the monthly reports of Food Commissioner Blanchard for January, February and March will be presented. The reports show that the milk supply of Honolulu is above reproach and that, on the whole, the foodstuffs of the city are of a good standard.

Dr. Pratt, president of the board, will also present several matters for the approval of the members.

Health conditions on the other islands continue to be good, and the reports of the chief inspectors are encouraging. Bowman, of Hawaii, is personally attending to the management of the rat campaign on the Makua coast. Good work is being done, and the situation is much better than it was some time ago.

Sanitation Report May Lie Useless

What will be done with the voluminous report of the special sanitation commission, after it comes from the hands of the printer where it is at the present time? Will its recommendations occasion the call of a special session of the Legislature, or will it find a snug place in the bureau of forgotten documents?

It is understood that the Governor, who named the commissioners, and to whom the several reports of the commission were submitted, doesn't know just what to do with it. It was presumed that the report would form the basis of a call for a special session of the Legislature to enact laws designed to make effective the recommendations of the commission, but unfortunately the commissioners did not find it convenient to embody these recommendations in the form of bills.

This is no small matter, for bills that would be worth the paper they were written upon on a subject as

important as the one in question, could not be thrown together by anybody. It would require careful and painstaking work on the part of a very capable lawyer or lawyers, and probably a good deal of investigation of what has been done by other commonwealths in similar instances. It would cost probably a good round fee to get this work done properly, and who could do it, and would do it, and where the pay would come from, are all matters for the Governor to puzzle his brain over. It would be foolish to call the Legislature together with no bills prepared for it to act upon, for it would almost certainly result in some half-baked legislation that would be of little or no value.

According to the opinion expressed by a man who stands pretty close to the executive head of the government, the commission's report is remarkable chiefly for its length. "There is (Continued on Page Five.)"

Waikiki Home Site Brings Big Price

Two and a half acres of land at Waikiki, practically unimproved were sold today for \$37,500—or about \$15,000 per acre. The property sold was owned by E. S. Lyman, Jr., and the purchaser is a wealthy Malindi tourist, whose name, however, is being withheld for the present. The sale was made through J. W. Pratt.

The property lies just beyond the Campbell homestead and has a frontage of 340 feet on the beach. However, only about an acre and a half can be called beach property, the other acre being on the mauka side of the road.

The gentleman who has purchased the place, it is said, lives in the East, and has a winter home in southern California. He intends, however, to put up a fine home on his new purchase and to spend a considerable portion of the year here.

"The price seems high," said Mr. Pratt this morning, "but considering the price other beach property has sold for it is really very reasonable."

PACIFIC MAIL LINER KOREA ARRIVES DAY AHEAD OF TIME

Exposure to the wind and sun, due to lack of sufficient body covering, caused the death of a five-year old Filipino during the Korea's trip from Manila to Honolulu according to Dr. W. A. McAllister, surgeon of the Pacific Mail liner.

The child and its parents boarded the Korea at Manila, bound for Honolulu. According to McAllister, the children of the Filipinos are never sufficiently clothed with the result that they are unduly exposed to the elements when on board ship. In this instance, the baby caught cold the second day out and the cold developed into a severe attack of pneumonia. Death resulted.

"It is a wonder that more of them do not die," said Dr. McAllister. "They come on board with a couple of rags on their backs and make no attempt at protecting themselves against changes in the weather. The children are always the ones who suffer."

The Korea managed to gain twenty-four hours on her schedule between Manila and here and consequently will get away for San Francisco this afternoon, a day ahead of time.

Early this morning, the Korea was sighted off Koko Head and at eight o'clock she was tied up at the wharf. On board are one hundred and ninety through passengers, twenty-five second class passengers, and one hundred and fifty-eight in the steerage. Several are staying over in Honolulu. In the hold are fifteen hundred and twenty-four tons of freight and fifty sacks of mail. The freight consists of miscellaneous merchandise such as cigars, tea and rice.

Today was Purser Allen's first day out after an illness of six weeks' duration. He has been suffering from a complication of lung ailments for (Continued on Page Eight.)

WHY THE FIRST TITANIC NEWS WAS BASELESS

(Associated Press Cables to the Star.)

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Vice-President Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine has admitted issuing baseless reassurances about the Titanic after the news of the wreck came. He says he attempted to suppress the earlier reports to avoid alarm. He denies making an effort to isolate the survivors of the crew of the Titanic.

Bodies Buried.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Mackay-Bennett steamer Bennett wirelesses that fifty bodies of drowned Titanic people have been taken aboard but some have been buried at sea.

Wants Bodies Searched For.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Representative Martine has introduced a resolution to send a cutter in search of the bodies of Titanic passengers and crew that are still afloat.

SWEEP OF THE TORNADO.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., April 22.—It is thought fifteen are dead in Adamsville and other counties, as a result of the tornado.

CHICAGO, April 22.—There are thirty-five dead and two hundred injured in Illinois and Indiana because of the tornado.

WORLDWIDE WIRELESS.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Senate Committee on Naval Affairs has agreed to authorize an expenditure of \$1,000,000 to establish a worldwide navy system of wireless.

ENGINEER STRIKE ORDERED.

NEW YORK, April 22.—Grand Chief Stone announces a strike of locomotive engineers on fifty roads east of Chicago, to begin within thirty-six hours.

AGAINST REORGANIZATION.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The Senate committee approves the Cummins bill providing for an appeal to the Supreme Court against the reorganization of the tobacco trust.

100,000 FLOOD VICTIMS

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—There are 100,000 victims of the flood in three states gathered in state and government camps.

ATTACK ON ROOSEVELT.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Representative Campbell made a bitter attack on Colonel Roosevelt today.

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SAN FRANCISCO AND YOKOHAMA IN COMMUNICATION BY WIRELESS

Manila Cablenews-American, March 26.—With her high power wireless station acting as a relay, the new T. K. K. steamer Shinyo Maru made it possible for the cities of Yokohama and San Francisco, over 6000 miles apart, to hold communication for several hours during her trip out from the Pacific coast.

The Shinyo's wireless apparatus is guaranteed to work a distance of 3200 miles, but on this occasion worked well up to nearly 4000 miles, and at no time after leaving San Francisco was she out of touch with either that city or Yokohama. San Francisco was picked up for the purpose of sending a message when the vessel was 3500 miles out from that port and (Continued on Page Eight.)

OTERIC CASE UP ON APPEAL

The Oteric case was submitted in the United States district court this morning. This is an appeal from the action of the customs department in fining the immigrant steamer \$7960 for many alleged violations of the shipping laws regulating steamships.

The Oteric brought a shipload of Spanish and Portuguese immigrants to Honolulu a year or two ago. An examination of the condition of the vessel was made by federal authorities and a report was made to Washington that the vessel was not properly equipped to carry passengers.

The secretary of commerce and labor investigated the matter and wrote a letter in reference to it in which he was extremely vigorous in his condemnation of conditions aboard the vessel.

Attorney Olson appeared in court this morning as the representative of Theo. H. Davies & Company, who were the agents for the Oteric.

An investigation of life-saving equipment of inter-island steamers and Pacific liners calling here will be made by the merchants' association.

SMITH FAMILY A SOBER ONE

In the police court this morning M. Silva, charged with assault and battery on a Chinaman, was sent to jail for ten days.

Silva is an old offender in this respect.

Fugimoto was fined \$5 and costs for leaving his horse untied in a public place.

Joseph Smith, Kim On Tai and W. McShane, drunk, were fined \$3 and costs each.

It is worthy of note that today's instance is the first of a man named Smith having been arrested in Honolulu for drunkenness since the new year.

The great family is, locally anyway, making quite a reputation for sobriety.

Felipe Praico, a Filipino from Ewa plantation, who has been acting queerly of late, was committed to the insane asylum this morning.

This morning's arrests included: T. Kaneshiyo, opening a barber shop on Sunday.

Keola, assault and battery.

J. B. Hannister, drunkenness.